

058 - FINCH LAKE

07/18

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 Leave No Trace Ethics

- ◆ **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- ◆ **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- ◆ **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200 feet/60 meters) from camps and all water sources. **Leave no evidence of your stay.**
- ◆ **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- ◆ **Minimize campfire impacts:** **CAMPFIRES PROHIBITED AT THIS SITE. Use portable stoves only.**
- ◆ **Respect Wildlife:** Use carry-in/carry-out bear resistant food storage canister April 1 through October 31. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- ◆ **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, call Park Dispatch at (970) 586-1203 or 911. Map (over) shows the location of the nearest phone.

Site Location: Finch Lake is a shallow lake in a thick forest of lodgepole pine. Individual and Group/Stock sites are on north side of lake. A wood sign indicates the path to the site; the path may be marked by red arrowheads on trees. **Camp safely away from standing dead trees, as near as is safely possible to the silver metal arrowhead.**

Number of Sites: 2 individual; 1 group/stock

Elevation: 9,910 ft.

Distance: 4.6 mi. from Finch Lake TH
3.8 mi. from Allenspark TH
5.3 mi. from Wild Basin TH

Elevation Change: 1,440 ft. gain from Finch Lake TH
1,010 ft. gain from Allenspark TH
1,410 ft. gain from Wild Basin TH

Approx. Travel Time: 4 to 6 hrs.

Privy: NO

Water Source: Water is available from Cony Creek. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): Finch Lake TH: From Beaver Meadows Visitor Center follow Hwy 36 approx. 1 mi. east then turn right onto Mary's Lake Road and follow approx. 2.4 mi. to Hwy 7. Turn right and follow Hwy 7 approx 9.1 mi. to Wild Basin Road. Turn right onto Wild Basin Road and drive past the Wild Basin Lodge, then veer right to approach the Entrance Station. After the Entrance Station follow the road approx. 1.8 mi. to the TH. A stock loading area is also close to this TH.

